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SUBJECT: BOMBING INCIDENT NEAR HOTEL HOUSING U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL

REF: ISTANBUL 3172

1. ON SEPTEMBER 25 POLICE AUTHORITIES WERE CONTACTED CONCERNING BOMBING INCIDENT. POLICE ADVISED THAT NO POLITICAL GROUP HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

2. POLICE ALLOWED RSO TO EXAMINE 2ND BOMB FOUND AT THE SCENE. THE BOMB, MEASURING 4" X 3" X 2" WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 1 AND 1/2 TO 2 LBS. THE EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL WAS A BURNT ORANGE COLOR AND COMPOSED OF A MATERIAL CALLED "SAMPEX" WHICH IS 50 PERCENT TNT AND 50 PERCENT RDX. TURKISH POLICE EXPERTS ADVISED THAT SAMPEX IS NOT AVAILABLE IN TURKEY AND THAT THE MATERIAL PROBABLY CAME FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA. POLICE ESTIMATE THAT THE DEVICE WOULD HAVE THE EXPLOSIVE EQUIVALENT OF 4 STICKS OF DYNAMITE. THE EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL WAS PACKED IN A PLASTIC BAG AND BOUND HORIZONTALLY AND VERTICALLY WITH LIGHTWEIGHT CORD. A FUSE, MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 30 INCHES, WAS IMPLANTED IN THE EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL WITH AN ESTIMATED BURNING TIME OF 7 MINUTES. THE FUSE WAS SIMILAR TO TYPES AVAILABLE LOCALLY. POLICE STATED THAT THE FIRST BOMB WHICH EXPLODED LEFT A HOLE IN THE GROUND

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APPROXIMATELY ONE METER SQUARE AND 1/2 TO 1 METER DEEP.

POLICE ADDED THAT AT A DISTANCE OF 150 METERS THE
EXPLOSION CAUSED SOME WINDOWS TO BREAK.

3. ON THE SAME DATE THE EXPLOIVE ORDINANCE DIVISION AT KARAMURSEL
COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLTION, KARAMURSEL, TURKEY, WAS CONTACTED
CONCERNING THE SAMPEX MATERIAL. EOD ADVISED THAT SAMPEX IS
A PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE USED FOR VARIOUS MILITARY FUNCTIONS. THE
JDX MATERIAL PRESENT IN SAMPEX IS HIGHLY VOLATILE.
EOD ESTIMATED THAT A PACKAGE WEIGHING 1 AND 1/2 TO 2 LBS., WOULD HAVE
EXPLOSIVE EQUIVALENT TO 6-8 STICKS OF DYNAMITE. EOD ADDED
THAT THEY HAD NOT RUN ACROSS THIS MATERIAL IN ANY OF THEIR
DEALINGS.
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